

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 remain in this application. Claims 2-20 and 33 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1 and 11-24 stand rejected on the basis that the designated inventor did not invent the subject matter of this application. Claims 1, and 11-13 are rejected as anticipated by Morita et al. Claim 1 is also rejected as anticipated by Yano and as anticipated by Kessler et al.

Requirement for New Declaration

Applicant will supplement this response with a declaration under Rule 132 by the inventor explaining that his name is incorrectly translated in the translation of the priority application cited by the Examiner and that he is the named inventor of the Japanese application to which priority is claimed. In view of this no new declaration is required.

Objections to the Specification and Abstract

The amendments to the abstract and specification suggested by the Examiner have been made to overcome these objections.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the Examiner's objection.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 102(f)

In view of the translation error in the reference, which is the inventors own priority application, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) Based on Morita et al.

Morita et al. has an effective U.S. filing date of October 16, 2002. The present application is entitled to priority of application JP2002206860 filed July, 16, 2002, prior to Morita et al. Applicant will submit a certified translation of JP2002206860 in order to effectively remove Morita et al. as a reference.

Furthermore, Morita et al. does not anticipated the claimed invention. As stated in the present specification: "The projection viewing system of the invention is provided to enable at least two images to be viewed simultaneously from different directions, and so comprises at least two display devices l_1 and l_2 . If different images are displayed on two such display devices l_1 and l_2 , it is then possible for at least two viewers to view the different images at the same time." This is in contrast to Morita et al. in which the object is to display a 3-D image.

The claims thus set out first and second display devices and require the projection systems to project in different directions. These are features not found in the reference. Thus, as originally presented, claim 1 is not anticipated by Morita et al. To better bring out these differences, claim 1 has been amended to indicate observation by two separate observers. With this change, claim 1 and all the claims dependent thereon clearly define over this art.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) based on Yano

Like Morita et al., Yano is a stereo image projection system and does not have the features noted above permitting separate display devices to be viewed by separate observers. Thus, all claims also distinguish over Yano.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) based on Kessler et al.

Kessler also relates to presenting a stereo image to single observer, not presenting multiple images to multiple observers. Thus, claim 1 and all claims dependent thereon also define over this reference.

In summary, none of the references is related to the same concept as the present invention and none has the claimed features of claim 1, particularly as now amended. Thus, claim 1 should be allowed as should the remaining claims, all of which depend either directly or indirectly on claim 1. As noted by the Examiner in his restriction requirement of September 1, 2005, claim 1 is a linking claim. Since it is allowable, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn and all claims in this application allowed.

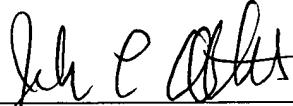
In view of the above, Applicants believe that all claims remaining in this application are in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any information concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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